

country safe and for that gift we are forever indebted. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Sergeant Roger Rowe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 22, I was at the White House in a meeting with the President, along with the members of the National Academic Decathlon team from Moorpark High School, and was unable to vote on the Kucinich motion that the Committee Rise (rollcall 404). Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING ALAMO MAYOR TOMMY GREEN

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor an outstanding public servant, Tommy Green, who has dedicated himself to the people of Tennessee through his diligent services to the community of Alamo in Crockett County.

Tommy's hard work helped earn him the Mayor of the Year award this year from the Tennessee Municipal League.

Throughout his life, Tommy has found a home in public service. He began his honorable career by volunteering for the Alamo Volunteer Fire Department, then served as Alamo's first building inspector. Tommy continued to show his dedication for our community by serving as city alderman for 11 years.

As a U.S. mail carrier, Tommy works one of the largest and most time-consuming routes in Alamo. Despite these long hours, Tommy has served as Alamo's mayor for the past 17 years.

Since 1986, Tommy has been instrumental in helping Alamo receive seven federal grants to improve the development of the community. These grants allowed for construction of a new water treatment plant, two new wells and a 200,000-gallon water storage tank.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring a distinguished public servant, an outstanding citizen and my friend, Mr. Tommy Green.

APSA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to congratulate the American Political Science Association on the 50th anniversary of its congressional fellowship program.

The APSA Congressional Fellowship Program is a highly selective, non-partisan program that provides invaluable opportunities for fellows to obtain legislative working experience. Since 1953, over 1800 journalists, fed-

eral government professionals, political scientists, Robert Wood Fellow health policy fellows, Native American Hatfield fellows, and international scholars have participated in this program. The congressional fellowship program is beneficial for both congressional offices and the fellows. Congressional offices gain from the expertise of these professionals, and the congressional fellows learn the legislative process on a firsthand basis.

I can speak from experience about the value of this program. I currently have on my staff an outstanding APSA fellow who has made great contributions to my office. Margaret Connelly came to my office from the USDA Forest Service. Since the beginning of this year, Margaret has assisted my Washington and District staff with the implementation of my Hometown Values legislative agenda, and she has also coordinated a number of high-priority transportation and natural resource projects. Margaret has brought to my office her considerable talents and professional experience with the Forest Service, and I am very pleased that she has gained new skills and valuable experience in my office.

For those of you not familiar with the fellowship program, fellows work for Democrats, Republicans, and Independents as members of personal staff or committee staff while on the Hill. In addition to their office assignments, these congressional fellows attend educational seminars throughout the program. A field trip to Annapolis, Maryland is included to gain a better understanding concerning state government operations. For a comparative dimension, some fellows travel to Ottawa, Canada to meet with high-ranking Canadian officials and gain insight into the Canadian Parliament. In exchange, Canadian Parliamentary interns travel to Washington for a week to gain a better perspective on the U.S. Government.

After these various experiences, fellows return to their previous jobs or new jobs, bringing with them new insights and knowledge of the legislative process. I hope they will continue to utilize their experience on the Hill for the rest of their lives and share this knowledge through discussions with friends and coworkers.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to congratulate the American Political Science Association for their outstanding contributions through their fellowship program. I would encourage my colleagues to participate in APSA's superb program which brings immeasurable benefits for the House of Representatives and for these dedicated professionals.

SAG HARBOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Sag Harbor Fire Department. On March 26, 2003, the Sag Harbor Fire Department of Sag Harbor, New York, marked a momentous occasion that very few fire departments in our country have achieved. Since 1803 the volunteer firefighters of Sag Harbor have been answering their neighbors' calls for help. This year they are

celebrating their 200th anniversary. Located on the South Fork of Eastern Long Island, The Sag Harbor Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the nation, the second oldest in the state of New York, and the oldest in Suffolk County. It was chartered on March 26, 1803 and today, 200 years later, it has 165 volunteer members who cover the county with support and protect 5,000 winter residents and 15,000 summer residents in an area of 27 square miles.

These dedicated volunteers operate out of four different stations and comprise five companies: Gazelle Hose Company No. 1, Montauk Hose Company No. 2, Otter Hose Company No. 3, Murray Hose Company No. 4, and the Phoenix Hook & Ladder Company No. 1. The Department also has three special squads: Heavy Rescue, Fire Police and the Dive Water Team.

During the year-long 200th anniversary commemoration, the Department has received proclamations from the Village of Sag Harbor, the New York State Legislature, the New York Department of State and the Fire Association of New York State. I would like to add my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to this outstanding fire department not only for its longevity but also for the dedication of its members. Volunteer firefighters are selfless men and women who risk their lives to protect and provide fire, emergency medical and rescue services to others in their community without financial compensation. Sag Harbor's volunteer firefighters proudly carry on the 200-year-old tradition started by their forefathers—answering the alarm, serving their neighbors and protecting the citizens of Suffolk County.

The Department will officially celebrate this milestone with a week-long series of events beginning on August 19th that includes a gala parade, fireworks, raffles and the selling of many different souvenirs including a commemorative coin created especially for the occasion.

I invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Sag Harbor Fire Department on its 200th anniversary. These men and women represent the best of the volunteer spirit that has built our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Record show that on Thursday, July 17, 2003, during consideration of the FY04 Appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior, H.R. 2691, I inadvertently voted "yes" on the amendment of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico to prevent the use of funds to finalize Bush Administration regulations that would revise requirements for scientific evaluation and public involvement during the development of forest management plans, when it was my intention to oppose the amendment.

I am a strong supporter of multi-use forest plans and had voted for this amendment under the mistaken impression that this was the amendment offered by Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I am pleased that despite my erroneous vote, the amendment of Mr. UDALL of New

Mexico was defeated so that I did not need to pursue any legislative remedies to overturn it.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHALLENGER

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute and officially recognize the Fortieth Anniversary of The Challenger Newspaper in Buffalo, New York, which I am proud to say is part of the Twenty-seventh Congressional District of the State of New York.

On April 11, 1963, the first edition of The Challenger was published, serving primarily Buffalo's African-American community. That same year, the Civil Rights Movement reached a critical, historic moment. During The Challenger's inaugural year, Freedom Fighter

Medgar Evers was murdered, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama was bombed by White Supremacists, killing four innocent children, and the legendary Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his momentous "I have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington.

Founded by Mr. Calvin Kimbrough, the late Mr. John Moore and the Honorable Arthur O. Eve, The Challenger went on to become "the voice" of Buffalo's Black community. These trailblazers fought to provide Buffalo's African-American community with the ability to determine for itself how they would be portrayed in the media. The Challenger continues to serve our community by asking the tough questions, challenging the establishment, providing world news as it relates to the Black Community, promoting African and African-American culture and history, and ensuring that the positive contributions of African-Americans, too often ignored by others, are appropriately reported and celebrated. Indeed, The Challenger has become a Buffalo institution, no less important

than our historic neighborhoods, parks, buildings, and other treasures.

Forty years later, the proud tradition of The Challenger continues under the exceptional leadership of Ms. Al-Nisa Banks. She has served as Editor and Publisher for twenty-four years, and has guided The Challenger to its current position as one of our nation's finest newspapers through her visionary leadership and commitment to our community.

As Members of Congress, we pause to honor and recognize those brave individuals and institutions who helped our nation find its way during some of our darkest moments. The Challenger stands proudly amongst that group as a champion of justice and a light toward a better way, and we are forever in its debt.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with The Challenger Staff, the City of Buffalo, and indeed, our entire Western New York community in special recognition and celebration of The Challenger on this historic Anniversary. We all wish them continued success and prosperity.